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THE CHARTER CASE.

AIRMONT charter adherents were pleased with the news from Charleston yesterday that the case would have a hearing before the highest tribunal in the state in the near future-Oct. : to be exact. This means that the case will be heard on its merits, and the charter supporters are confident that once the case is given a fair and square hearing that the decision will be in favor of the charter. It has been the desire of those who are behind the new charter to have a fair hearing of the case; but this has always been denied them in the past, but it now looks as if the case is to be heard on

Senator Scott C. Lowe, who has always been against the charter, was at Charleston when the petition was presented to the Supreme Court of the state to have the case come up before that body for settlement just as soon as possible. He made serious objection to the case being brought up for trial as soon as possible, playing his old game of delay in the hope of defeating the ends of justice. The efforts of the loquacious senator, however, availed nothing, the court overruling all objections and setting the date for the hearing of the case for Oct. 5, much to the disappointment of the Hon. Scott C. Lowe, who no doubt thought that the fact that he was on the tob would so awe the court that they would follow in detail all his many suggestions, but the honorable gentleman found that he was out of that territory where, far as the charter case is concerned, he could act as plaintiff and defendant, with the result that his oratory went for nothing.

who have opposed the charter at every step have always claimed that the document was unconsti-Heve what they try to make others think, why do they object to having the case brought up for final judgement just as soon as possible? If they are so sure of their case against the charter, why not rush the matter through to final settlement, in order that the question may be decided one way or the other once and for all? Are not the adherents of the charter willing to have the case come up before the Supreme Court just as soon as possible, knowing full well that the decision of the Supreme Court will be final? If the adherents of the charter are willing to have it stand on its merits at once, why should those who oppose the charter object to an early hearing, when they are so sure that they will have no trouble in showing that the charter is unconstitu

The fact of the matter is that those who oppose the charter are not nearly so sure of their ground as they would have others believe. They realize that the reason they have been so successful in holding up the charter in times past is due to the fact that the case has always been heard under circumstances entirely adverse to the charter. They realize that the charter case has sever been tried on its merits and that this is the only reason it has been held up so long. They know, too, that the case will be heard on its merits when reviewed by the Supreme Court, and this fact has sent the cold chills of despair up and down the backbone of the char-

The claim of the charter foes that the document is unconstitutional and that there will be no trouble in proving it so, is simply an example of "whistling to keep up ones courage." The actions of the Democratic ring this city are so contradictory to the boasts it has made that it brings forth a laugh from the fair-minued Don't think for a minute that the Democratic ring feels sure of its ground in the charter case, for if It did it would be just as anxious for the final setment of the case before the supreme courf as are those who favor the charter.

The edemies of the charter have been working the de lay game for a long time; but they are about at the end of the string, and they will soon be forced out in the open to make a fair and square fight. When the decision has been handed down then we will know just how Democratic ring.

The bachelor's life frequently demonstrates that as a man sews, so shall he rip.

THE QUESTION SOLVED.

T LAST we have a possible solution for the delay A in the paving work. Residents of the districts where the paving is being done have stolen the bricks to be used to make the new highways and are using them as props for the doors. This is a terrible situation-almost as terrible in fact as the condition of many of the streets of Fairmont; but it certainly gives a beautiful alibi for whoever has been blamed in the past for the slow work in completing the paving. Just think of it-perhaps 50 bricks have been stolen from the million or so that have been carefully placed along the sidewalks for pedestrians to stumble over. Fifty bricks. which for these many days and months have been resting in peace along the curb, drafted into household service. Deplorable, so deplorable, don't you know.

But, perchance, those who have taken the bricks to place against the doors of the houses in the vicinity where the paving is progressing with the speed of a crippled snail, thought that they might just as well put the bricks to some use, seeing that there was slight chance of them getting on the streets for months and menths. And it was rather a courtesy to the bricks, too, because even a brick with any pride at all wants to be serving some purpose, rather than being seen loafing

on the side-walk all the time. We have no authority to make the following statent, but we make it just the same: Whenever the bricks are needed for the streets we feel sure that those who have been making use of a few of the idle ones will be only too glad to give them back. However, as long as

thousands of bricks are piled up along the side-walks jection to persons using a few for whatever purpose they see fit, so long as they are returned in a year or two when work on certain sections of city streets will be well on towards completion. As things are now every house on Locust Avenue, for instance, could have 50 bricks for household use and they would never be missed from the hideous lineup of said articles which extends from Barney street as far out Locust Avenue as we have ever cared to walk under present conditions.

The acid test for the small boy is at hand-crab ap

THE WORLD'S METROPOLIS.

ITH all its faults New York is such a city as any country may be proud of. New Yorkers think they made it and own it, but it was made and be longs to the whole United States, just as truly as London is the property of all England. There is little doubt that New York is rapidly displacing-if it has not already ac tually displaced-London as the greatest city in the The corrected figures of the state census give New York a population of a little over 5,000,000-5,066, 222, to be exact. The population of the state is 9,773,

The city census contains more than one surprise. It gives an actual loss to Manhattan of 188,000 from the Federal census of five years ago. That has been ex plained in part as the effect of subways and as partly due to the check of immigration by the war. The effect of subways is seen in the growth of 185,000 in the Bronz, which now has 622,000 people, while the loss from falling immigration may perhaps account for the Brooklyn figures. With 1,634,000 in 1910 Brooklyn had a right to look forward to being a "two million town" this year, whereas it has only 1,803,000. Even that is a gain, how ever, of about 170,000, not a bad gain for five years.

It is impossible to tell how much the big war will reduce the population of London, but it is not an extravagant prophesy that in 1920 the Federal census will show New York to be the world's metropolis.

Many a man believes in rights for women-and lefts.

TO MY STRAW HAT.

EAR bonnet, chapeau, lid (called by any other name you would still be my faithful straw) thou hast served me well during the wintry blasts of our summerless summer, and now with a frightful hot spell holding me breathless 'neath its blistering blazes comes the day decreed by fashion when I am supposed to put you on the shelf and put on the fall headwear. It does not seem right that you, faithful straw, should be sent winter quarters with the weather so unauspicious for your going, and I have a good notion not to send you on your, way until the terrible heat has departed. Of course, I run the awful chance of having you maltreated by those who adhere closely to the rules of fashion; but perhaps they will respect my courage and your faithful service and do you no harm.

Who would have the courage or the heart to smite the wearer of a straw hat with the mercury trying to-kick the top out of the tube in the thermometer? Other large and influential towns have made special arrangements whereby the faithful straw may continue to be worn without fear until some respite is given from the present heat wave, and why should not the wearer of a straw hat be safe in Fairmont for a few days longer than us ual this season.

It is reported that snow fell in Kansas vesterday, so or course Kansans won't want to wear the straw nat any longer, but until some of that Kansas weather comes East let us continue to wear the straw hat unmolested? Do I hear a motion to that effect?

It has been moved and seconded that we be allowed to continue the use of the straw hat until cooler weather

comes this way. All in favor of this motion will give their consent by

saying aye. The ayes seem to have it, the ayes have it, and it is

Europe still regulates the price of grain-but we are

so ordered.

supplying it. RUSSIA'S PLIGHT.

R USSIA'S payment of the penalty for unpreparedness is given a new phase by the declaration that it is the result of a criminal grafting system which kept ammunition from the soldiers of her armies. It is directly charged that "government officers are responsible for her tragic shortage of ammunition." The fact of this shortage is not new, but the explanation that it is due to grafting freshens interest in Russia's plight, and arouses wonderment as to how such criminality and mismanagement could be kept from the knowledge of those in supreme authority.

That Russians are brave soldiers has been demonstrated on many battlefields, and although they have been continuously retreating for a month and more in the present war they have made pursuit very costly to their enemies, and this while sorely lacking in munitions Doubtless they would be in a much more advantageous position today had they been properly supplied with guns and explosives, and it is not surprising that their resentment against those responsible for the tragedy is so intense that there is talk of revolution when the present war is ended.

Unfortunately the United States is even more unpre pared than Russia was when the European war began, but we have the slight consolation that this is not due to grafting by government offclals. Yet when the results are the same it is just as criminal to keep a na tion in a state of unpreparedness as it is to make it so through official dishonesty. Russia is an example for all countries that are at present in the employment of peace -an example which should impel all to prepare, and that as soon as possible.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



WASHINGTON NEWS -:-GOSSIP By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—
When the citizens committee invited ex-Senator Nathan Bay Scott to stride a horse and ride in the great parade of the old soldiers, which is to be the biggest feature of the G. A. R. oncampment to be held in this city week after pext, he city and firmly declined.

No riding in that parade for your "Uncle Nate." There isn't a known thing in this world of sufficient value to induce him to ride down Pennsylvania Avenue as an individual unit of the equestrian of that pageant. Not a thing.

Not a thing.

Is Senator Scott refusing to partieipate in this great review, from a historical standpoint classed as the greatest since the boys in blue marched under the eye of Lincoln in '65? Not at all. He is merely refusing to ride. ing to ride.

He will be in the parade all right, but he is going to march right down among "the boys," shoulders to shoulder with the survivors of his own company and regiment. He wouldn't miss the thrill of that contact with his comrades for all the money that is stored in the great vaults of his big banking house. He is counting on it, has been talking about it for these many days, and as the date for the big event draws near, "Comrade" Scott is as enthusiastic over the parade and his part in it as any sman. rade and his part in it as any sman boy with a new toy you have ever

The fact of that matter is that the Continental Trust Company will have to get along encampment week without its guiding head. For Senator Scott is going to start in ou a Monday and go right through the week, day by day celebrating with men for whom he has a feeling of fraternity that only the associations of warfare can give. It is an odd but a true fact that only the associations of warrare can give. It is an odd but a true fact that no ties of lodgedom bind men in as high degree of fraternity as which exist between the survivors of the great civil war no matter for which cause they hazarded their

To Fairmont By Motor.

Col. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming and son, A. Sweeney Fleming, left the city today in their big, high-powered Pierce-Arrow for their home at Fairmont. They had inteded leaving Saturday, but both Mrs. Fleming and Mr. A. S. Fleming were taken sudden'y. A. S. Fleming were taken suddenly ill, the former having to be attended by a physician. Their attack of ill-ness was as brief as it was sudden, and both felt completely recovered before starting on their journey back

Can They Sidestep it?

"The Democrats will be fortunate if they can shift the issue in the next national campaign and sidestep the tariff, which, in my opinion, they cannot do, notwithstanding just at this time the European war overshadows all domestic questions," said Dr. H.

Commerce, extends the first quarter of the fiscal year, 1914, from July 1 to October 3, 1913, during which period the Republican tariff law was in full force and effect. For this quarter the duties collected on imports amounted to \$88,380,457, which was boddy credited to the Democratic law by the Secretary of the Treasury and others. Had the Underwood law been in force for this period, with its average ad valorem duty for the peace period of 13 per cent on all imports, the duties collected for this quarter would ties collected for this quarter would have been \$57,395,953, a difference in favor of the Republican law of \$20, 984,504 So it is entirely fair to say that for this quarter the Democratic law was benefited by its

law was benefited by its predecessor.

"in the same manner the Democrats so analyzed the second, thira
and last quarters to make it appear
that the Underwood bill was bringing benefits together with sufficient
revenue. The late Mr. Payne was
right when he said that 'a proper analysis of the Underwood bill would
show that the bill in its first year
would have left a deficit in the Treasury, except that it was carried out sury, except that it was carried out on the crutches furnished by the Payne law, which it superseded."

Home On a Vacation.
Capt. Phil. Walker, of Charleston,
the is one of a good-sized group of
canawha county patriots rewarded Kanawha county patriots rewarded by the present administration upon the recommendation of Senator Chilton, will leave this week to take the thirty days' vacation to which he is entitled. He will go to Charleston, there to renew his youth and his loy-alty to "the old town" with the waters of the Great Kanawhan

A Visitor in the Capital,
Norria Showalter, of Fairmont, is
registered at the Willard. He is stopping here for a few days to break his
homeward journey from a visit to Atlantic City and other eastern points.
Young Mr. Showalter is a son of Hon.
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expedient. This course has been ad-equately and encouragingly illustra-ted in the treatment of Constantin Theodor Dumba. With the removal of Dr. Dumba the issue will again of Dr. Dumba the issue will again narrow down to the submarine quen-tion. Both sides are entitled to es-tablish facts, but if it be apparent in the future that these facts are fab-ricated to justify the inhuman submarine attacks under the guise of neces-sity then it will be time to enforce the doctrine of "strict accountabli-

THE ORDUNA NOTE. erday's dispatches from Washington is a fit counterpart to the Arabic note. Each qualifies the German government's pledge not to sink liners out warning and without providing for

ity."-N. Y. Sun.



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the safety of noncombatants in such a way as to deprive it of all practical value. Judging from these two notes, Germany is prepared to equivocate to the end, to make promises to the ear ONLY ROAD TO PEACE.

The United States wants peace with Germany and Russia. In the Sun's opinion there is a method that once adopted and undeviatingly adhered to would speedily correct the misapprehensions that now exist, and surely enforce our high determination are proposed to equivocate to construe it is application by allowing individual submarine commanders to construe it is negligently as they please.—N. Y. Tribune.

ONLY

former governor of Coahuila is not strong enough to establish a permanent government unaided. He is not sure enough of his forces. The firmsure enough of his forces. The firmness shown by the ambassadors of
Argentina, Brazil and Chile at Niagara Falls indicate that they at least
are not easily to be beguiled by Carranza. If our government will be
equally firm the conference can be
held as originally proposed, and it is
within the bounds of probability that
practical steps toward the pacification of Mexico may result from it.—
N. Y. Times.

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